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1. Mosa Pijade, member of the Yugoslav Central Executive Committee and President of the Parliamentary Council, spoke to a veterans group in early November 1950 on the subject, "Changes Outlined by Tito". Pijade said more non-Party members should hold prominent administrative jobs selected on the basis of education and experience. The principal criterion would be a friendly attitude toward present Government aims. Pijade, who said too many administrators were chosen on the basis of war records, was so often interrupted and contradicted that he left the meeting in anger. [REDACTED] Party diehards are disturbed over changes made by Tito and are rallying around Milovan Djilas, Minister without Portfolio.
2. Reports from Serbian towns indicate that tension is increasing in Party circles over the "new line" and among the population because of the food situation. The feeling exists that something drastic will happen to the regime.
3. It is reported that organized bands exist which ambush government convoys.
4. There is an increase in criminality in Zagreb. People are afraid to leave their homes. The police are reported to be corrupt.
5. There is a noticeable absence of troops in Zagreb. In Samobor and along the old Belgrade-Zagreb highway near Zagreb are unusual numbers of UDB officers, fenced buildings, and guarded entrances and sideroads.

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